

January 20, 2002

Attention: Renata Hesse
Judge Kollar Kottely
U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
601 D Street, N.W., Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Judge Kollar Kottely:

I am writing regarding the Microsoft anti-trust case and the lessons we should have learned from past experiences.

As I recall, nearly three decades ago, the government initiated another antitrust lawsuit against a computer industry leader.

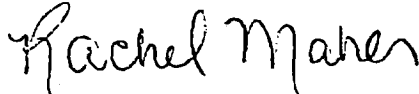
Success was not defined by a legal victory in that case, but rather by the enormous business expenses incurred by the defendant. These expenses clearly resulted in allowing its competitors to catch up. After three years of the Microsoft case, it seems we are now at that point.

This lawsuit has gone on long enough and any legal victory has lost its relevance because the financial price has been paid.

I urge you to move forward by approving the proposed settlement. This settlement is in the best interest of the industry, the economy, and the consumer. It only makes sense to put an end to it.

Thank you for your efforts on this important case.

Sincerely,



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